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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2005. Claims 1-16 were originally presented for prosecution on the merits. Claims 3, 15 and 16 are now cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are the claims which remain for examination on the merits.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Also, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period of responding to July 10, 2005.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.